

# **EXHIBIT 12**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re NOVO NORDISK SECURITIES	)	Master File No. 3:17-cv-00209-ZNQ-
LITIGATION	)	LHG
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	)	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
This Document Relates To:	)	
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ALL ACTIONS.	)	
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DECLARATION OF STEVEN B. SINGER FILED ON BEHALF OF  
SAXENA WHITE P.A. IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF  
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

I, Steven B. Singer, declare as follows:

1. I am a Director of the law firm Saxena White P.A. (“Saxena White” or the “Firm”). I am submitting this declaration in support of the application for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses/charges (“expenses”) in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action. I have knowledge of the matters set forth herein based on personal knowledge, my review of the Firm’s records, and consultation with other firm personnel.

2. This Firm is an Executive Committee Member and counsel for Co-Lead Plaintiff and Class Representative Employees’ Pension Plan of the City of Clearwater.

3. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm’s time, including in the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, was prepared from daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the Director who oversaw my firm’s activities in the litigation, and I, together with attorneys working under my direction, reviewed my firm’s daily time records to confirm their accuracy.

4. This audit confirmed the accuracy of the time entries as well as the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time committed to this Action. Only time that inured to the benefit of Lead Plaintiffs and the Class, and that advanced the claims resolved by the Settlement, is reflected in the firm’s lodestar calculation. Accordingly, some reductions were made to time in the exercise of billing judgment.

Time expended in preparing the application for fees and expenses has not been included in this report, and time for timekeepers who had worked fewer than ten hours on the matter was also removed from the time report.

5. I believe that the time reflected in the firm's lodestar calculation is reasonable in amount and was necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of this four-year-plus litigation. The total number of hours expended on this Action by my Firm's attorneys and professional support staff employees is 29,068.25 hours. The total resulting lodestar for my Firm is \$12,833,015.00. The schedule attached as Exhibit A is a detailed summary reflecting the amount of time spent by each attorney and professional support staff employee of my Firm who was involved in the action, and the lodestar calculation based on my Firm's current hourly rates.

6. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A attached hereto are the current rates set by the firm for each individual. These hourly rates are the same as, or comparable to, the rates accepted by courts in other securities class action litigation or shareholder litigation within this Circuit and nationwide. My Firm's rates are set based on periodic analysis of rates charged by firms performing comparable work and that have been approved by courts in other securities class actions and complex actions within this Circuit and nationwide. Different timekeepers within the same employment category (e.g., shareholders, directors, associates, paralegals, etc.) may have different

rates based on a variety of factors, including years of practice, years at the Firm, year in the current position (e.g., years as a director), relevant experience, relative expertise, and the rates of similarly experienced peers at our Firm or other firms. For personnel who are no longer employed by my Firm, the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with my Firm.

7. My Firm seeks an award of \$476,570.69 in expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the litigation. Those expenses and charges are summarized by category in Exhibit B.

8. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:

(a) Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$4,804.44. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to, among other things, attend court hearings, meet with witnesses, and take or defend depositions. The date, destination and purpose of each trip is set forth in Exhibit C.

(b) Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography: \$34,370.62. The vendors who were paid for hearing and deposition transcripts are listed in Exhibit D.

(c) Photocopies and Printing: \$1,795.52. Each time an in-house copy machine or printer is used, our billing system requires that a case or administrative

billing code be entered, and that is how the copies were identified as related to this case.

(d) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$5,839.50. This category includes vendors such as WestLaw and LexisNexis. These resources were used to, among other things, obtain access to legal research and for cite-checking of briefs. This expense represents the expense incurred by Saxena White for use of these services in connection with this litigation.

(e) Litigation Expense Fund Contribution: My Firm made contributions totaling \$420,719.14 to a Litigation Expense Fund maintained by Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP to cover shared litigation expenses. A detailed breakdown of the expenses paid out of the Litigation Expense Fund is included in the Declaration of Ryan A. Llorens Filed on Behalf of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP in Support of Application for Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses.

9. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of this Firm, which are regularly prepared and maintained in the ordinary course of business. These records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records, and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.

10. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit E is Saxena White's firm resume.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 23rd day of May, 2022, at White Plains, New York.

/s/ Steven B. Singer

Steven B. Singer

# EXHIBIT A



**EXHIBIT A***In re Novo Nordisk Securities Litigation*, No. 3:17-cv-00209-ZNQ-LHG

Saxena White P.A.

Inception through November 23, 2021

<i>NAME</i>	<i>HOURS</i>	<i>RATE</i>	<i>LODESTAR</i>
<b>Shareholders</b>			
Joseph E. White III	22.75	\$985	\$22,408.75
<b>Directors</b>			
Brandon Grzandziel	2,485.25	\$740	\$1,839,085.00
Kyla Grant	91.75	\$740	\$ 67,895.00
Lester Hooker	33.50	\$880	\$29,480.00
Steven Singer	292.50	\$985	\$288,112.50
<b>Associate Attorneys</b>			
Dianne Pitre	422.25	\$600	\$253,350.00
Jill Miller	42.00	\$575	\$24,150.00
Manuel Miranda	84.50	\$450	\$38,025.00
Scott Guarcello	73.75	\$680	\$50,150.00
<b>Staff Attorneys</b>			
Calvin Austin	1,540.50	\$365	\$562,282.50
Christian Shern	544.50	\$365	\$198,742.50
Courtney Weisholtz	3,144.50	\$400	\$1,257,800.00
Denise Bryan	3,790.75	\$460	\$1,743,745.00
Hope Campbell	269.75	\$365	\$98,458.75
Jamie Meister	742.25	\$365	\$270,921.25
Jesse Cohen	87.25	\$365	\$31,846.25
Kathleen Lynch	29.50	\$365	\$10,767.50
Kathleen Pierrilus	1,113.25	\$365	\$406,336.25
Maxim Kotelevets	4,330.25	\$400	\$1,732,100.00
Nicholas Atkinson	2,152.50	\$460	\$990,150.00
Nina Hakoun	2,756.25	\$400	\$1,102,500.00
William Wright	4,822.25	\$365	\$1,760,121.25

<i>NAME</i>	<i>HOURS</i>	<i>RATE</i>	<i>LODESTAR</i>
<b>Financial Analyst</b>			
Marc Grobler	61.00	\$325	\$19,825.00
<b>Client Services Manager</b>			
Stefanie Grzandziel	17.75	\$300	\$5,325.00
<b>Paralegals</b>			
Charlene Wallace	47.75	\$250	\$11,937.50
Fabricia Resende	21.75	\$250	\$5,437.50
Gilda De La Cruz	48.25	\$250	\$12,062.50
<b>TOTAL LODESTAR</b>	29,068.25		\$12,833,015.00

# EXHIBIT B

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<b><i>CATEGORY</i></b>	<b><i>AMOUNT</i></b>
Transportation, Hotels & Meals	\$4,804.44
Telephone Conference Call Services	\$167.20
Overnight Delivery	\$393.58
Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography	\$34,370.62
Photocopies and Printing	\$1,795.52
Online Legal and Financial Research	\$5,839.50
eDiscovery Expenses	\$8,480.69
Litigation Expense Fund Contribution	\$420,719.14
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$476,570.69</i></b>

# EXHIBIT C

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Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$4,804.44

<b><i>NAME</i></b>	<b><i>DATE</i></b>	<b><i>DESTINATION</i></b>	<b><i>PURPOSE</i></b>
Steven Singer	07/25/2018	Trenton, NJ	Attend hearing on defendants' motion to dismiss
Kyla Grant	11/13/2018 – 11/14/2018	Trenton, NJ	Attend scheduling conference
Scott Guarcello	04/18/2019 – 04/19/2019	Tampa, FL	Collect data from client in connection with discovery
Brandon Grzandziel	04/18/2019 – 04/19/2019	Tampa, FL	Meeting with client to prepare for City of Clearwater Employees' Pension Plan 30(b)(6) deposition
Brandon Grzandziel	05/06/2019-05/07/2019	Tampa, FL	Prepare for and defend City of Clearwater Employees' Pension Plan 30(b)(6) deposition
Brandon Grzandziel	02/06/2020-02/07/2020	Campbell, CA	Prepare for and attend Deposition of Witness Peter Hunkel of WCM Investment Management
Brandon Grzandziel	09/01/2021-09/02/2021	New York	Attend mediation

# EXHIBIT D

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Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography:  
\$34,370.62

<b><i>DATE</i></b>	<b><i>VENDOR</i></b>	<b><i>PURPOSE</i></b>
05/03/2019	Vincent Russoniello	Transcript of proceedings held on 4/24/17
05/07/2019	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript of Witness Brian Jay Ravins, 30(b)(6)
02/07/2020	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript of Witness Peter Hunkel, 30(b)(6)
06/10/2020	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript and exhibit share of Witness David Smith
07/17/2020	Veritext Corp.	Digitizing & Transcript Synchronization of Witness Curtiss M. Scott, Jr.
08/12/2020	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript and Video Services for Witness Timothy Slee
08/27/2020	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript of Witness Lars Green
09/08/2020	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript and Video Services for Witness Jakob Riis
08/27/2020	Veritext Corp.	Video Services for Deposition of Witness Lars Green
10/29/2020	Veritext Corp.	Reporting Services and Video Services for Deposition of Witness Camille Lee (Cancellation fee)
11/06/2020	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript and Video Services for Witness Camille Lee
03/01/2021	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript of Witness Albert I. Wertheimer, Ph.D
03/16/2021	Veritext Corp.	Certified Transcript of Witness Wendy S. Lane



# EXHIBIT E



# SAXENA WHITE

“A highly experienced  
group of lawyers  
with national reputations in large securities class actions...”

*- Hon. Alan Gold, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida*

## FIRM RESUME

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## SAXENA WHITE

Saxena White P.A. was founded in 2006 by Maya Saxena and Joseph White. After spending many years at one of the country's largest class action law firms, we wanted to do business a different way. Our goal in forming the Firm was to become big enough to handle prominent and complex litigation while remaining small enough to offer each client responsive, ethical, and personalized service.

Today our Firm's capabilities exceed those of our largest competitors. We obtain victories against major corporations represented by the nation's top defense firms. We represent some of the largest pension funds in major securities fraud cases and have recovered billions of dollars on behalf of injured investors. We have succeeded in improving how corporations do business by requiring the implementation of significant corporate governance reforms. We have formed long-lasting relationships with our clients who know we are only a phone call away. However, the most important attribute of the Firm, and the key to its continued success, is the people. Saxena White was built upon the quality, integrity, and camaraderie, of its people — attributes that continue to be its greatest legacy.

### ***What Makes us Different?***

- *We are proud to be a nationally certified woman- and minority-owned securities litigation firm specializing in representing institutional investors.*
- *We take a selective approach to litigation, recommending only a few fraud cases per year and litigating them aggressively.*
- *The securities fraud cases in which we have served as lead counsel are rarely dismissed due to our careful selection criteria.*
- *We offer tailored portfolio monitoring services to our clients that reflect their individual philosophies toward litigation.*
- *We emphasize community outreach and welcome opportunities to support our clients in their communities.*

## NOTABLE RECOVERIES

### ■ *In re Wells Fargo & Company Shareholder Derivative Litigation*

Saxena White served as Co-Lead Counsel in this landmark case alleging that the Board and executive management of Wells Fargo knew or consciously disregarded that Wells Fargo employees were illicitly creating millions of deposit and credit card accounts for their customers, without those customers' consent, in an attempt to drive up "cross selling," i.e., selling complementary Wells Fargo banking products to prospective or existing customers.

Over significant competition from the top law firms in our industry, the court selected Saxena White as one of the two firms most qualified in the nation to lead this high-profile case, noting the superior quality of the work performed. Through this shareholder derivative action, Saxena White held Defendants accountable for a scandal that has significantly damaged one of America's largest financial institutions.

On April 7, 2020, the court approved a \$320 million settlement on behalf of nominal Defendant Wells Fargo & Company with the Company's officers, directors, and senior management. The Settlement includes a \$240 million cash payment from Defendants' insurers—representing the largest insurance-funded monetary component of any shareholder derivative settlement by over \$100 million.

Saxena White zealously advocated for the interests of the Company and obtained excellent results. After a thorough investigation of the relevant claims; the filing of a detailed complaint; successfully defeating two motions to dismiss; active intervention in, stays of, and dismissals of multiple state court actions; consolidation and coordination with related federal actions; extensive review of over 3.5 million pages of documents from Defendants, Wells Fargo, and numerous third parties; consultation with experts, the \$320 million settlement was reached in this derivative action.

In approving this historic settlement, the court remarked that "this represents an excellent result for the shareholders" of Wells Fargo. The court noted "the risk" that Saxena White "took in litigation on a contingency basis – a risk they have borne for more than three years."

### ■ *Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia, et al. v. DaVita Inc., et al.*

After four years of hard-fought litigation, Saxena White secured an outstanding recovery of \$135 million on behalf of the settlement class. The settlement with DaVita and its senior executives resulted in the second largest all-cash securities class action recovery ever obtained in the District of Colorado, ranking among the Tenth Circuit's top five securities fraud class action recoveries in history. Moreover, the settlement amount is not only comprised of the proceeds from Defendants' insurance tower, but also includes a substantial monetary contribution from DaVita—a rare occurrence in securities class actions that underscores the exceptional nature of the recovery and the tenacity of Saxena White in achieving it.

Before agreeing to settle the case against DaVita, Saxena White undertook extensive efforts to advance the class' claims and to ensure that Plaintiffs were in a position to maximize their recovery. Saxena White's extensive litigation efforts included, an exhaustive investigation that uncovered critical internal documents and confidential witnesses, and culminated in the filing of a highly detailed, 111-page amended complaint; successfully opposing a motion to dismiss that challenged every major element of Plaintiffs' claims; and intensive fact, expert and class-certification discovery. Lead Counsel also engaged in extensive settlement negotiations, including six mediation sessions before one of the most respected mediators in the country.

Significantly, Saxena White not only initiated this action by filing the initial complaint, but the firm also filed the only leadership application at the lead plaintiff stage—a rare occurrence in these types of cases, where the PSLRA specifically requires that notice of the lead plaintiff deadline be disseminated to shareholders, and multiple applications are routinely filed. Thus, absent the efforts of Saxena White, it is almost certain that settlement class members would have recovered nothing for their claims.

### ■ *In re Wilmington Trust Securities Litigation*

Saxena White served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action against Wilmington Trust, its senior executives, board of directors, outside auditor, and the underwriters of one of its secondary offerings. Co-Lead Plaintiffs conducted a comprehensive and wide-ranging investigation, culminating in an amended complaint that detailed how Defendants violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by concealing the drastic deterioration of Wilmington Trust's loan portfolio and improperly accounting for the value of its loans under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. In particular, Defendants understated Wilmington Trust's provision for loan losses as its loan portfolio declined in quality, improperly delayed recognition of losses on the portfolio, and inflated its financial results by misstating the fair value of its loan portfolio. Defendants' misconduct artificially inflated the price of Wilmington Trust securities during the Class Period. Lead Plaintiffs further alleged that Defendants violated the Securities Act of 1933 by issuing untrue statements in connection with the Company's February 23, 2010 public equity offering, by understating Wilmington Trust's provision for loan losses.

After prevailing over thousands of pages of briefing on Defendants' multiple motions to dismiss, Lead Plaintiffs sought to be appointed as class representatives and certify a class of damaged investors. Following extensive briefing and discovery, the court certified a class on September 3, 2015. In certifying the class, Saxena White also secured important new precedent for aggrieved shareholders nationwide who have fallen victim to securities fraud. The court's opinion rejected Defendants' argument that the Supreme Court's opinion in *Comcast Corp. v. Behrend*, 569 U.S. 27 (2013) requires plaintiffs to submit a damages methodology and model at the class certification stage. Having defeated an argument that securities fraud defendants are increasingly relying upon to avoid responsibility for their illegal actions, Saxena White's efforts have again provided investors with a powerful weapon with which to combat corporate wrongdoing at the class certification stage. Indeed, in addition to certifying the class, the court applauded Saxena White's "excellent lawyers" and noted that Ms. Saxena's "argument was very well argued."

Having certified a class, Saxena White and Lead Plaintiffs embarked on a monumental discovery effort to marshal the highly complex and technical evidence required to establish Defendants' fraud. As part of this massive undertaking, we closely reviewed and analyzed nearly 13 million pages of documents. Our efforts required us to not only take on a veritable who's who of highly skilled defense counsel, but also multiple branches of the U.S. Government. After two years of hard-fought motion practice, we successfully compelled the Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to waive the bank examination privilege for over 35,000 documents that those regulators had withheld. Compelling the production of such documents is a rare feat and was the culmination of a multi-year effort to relentlessly fight for the information and facts that were relevant to the prosecution of the case. We also prevailed over the U.S. Attorney's Office, successfully moving to lift the discovery stay imposed at its request. As a result, we were able to depose key fact witnesses. In all, we deposed 39 witnesses in seven states, which generated nearly 11,000 pages of testimony and almost 900 exhibits.

After nearly eight years of hard-fought litigation, we negotiated an outstanding \$210 million recovery on behalf of the Class. This remarkable settlement represents a recovery of nearly 40% of the Class's maximum

likely recoverable damages, which is eight times greater than the 5% median recovery in the Third Circuit. The recovery also ranks among the top ten securities fraud settlements in the Third Circuit, and is in the top 5% of all securities fraud settlements since the PSLRA was enacted in 1995. On November 19, 2018, the court approved the settlement in its entirety. Notably, the court twice observed that Saxena White achieved the recovery independently of the Government's criminal investigation. The court was also complimentary of the "legal prowess" exhibited by Saxena White's "highly experienced attorneys."

### ■ *In re HD Supply Securities Litigation*

Saxena White served as Lead Counsel in a class action against HD Supply Holdings, Inc., a commercial distributor of home improvement supplies. In 2016, the Company disclosed it had experienced significant failures that imperiled its supply chain and financially harmed the business. The complaint alleged that the Company and its senior executives misled investors about the extent to which its supply chain had recovered. At the start of the class period, Defendants assured investors that the recovery was "on track" and the Company was "perfectly poised" to deliver strong results in 2017. HD Supply's stock price skyrocketed in response. What Defendants then knew but failed to disclose, however, was that the supply chain was not in "as good condition as it's ever been," but in reality suffered from systemic problems and required a multi-million-dollar overhaul. The complaint further alleged that, while in possession of that material non-public information, HD Supply's then-CEO whom had not sold a single share over the last year, liquidated an astonishing 80% of his holdings in HD Supply, for proceeds of \$54 million, shortly after making those representations. When the truth about the catastrophic state of the Company's supply chain and the need for heavy spending to remedy its deficiencies was subsequently revealed to the market, the Company's stock price declined significantly, causing investors substantial losses.

Saxena White engaged in extensive litigation efforts against HD Supply, including defeating Defendants' motion to dismiss, engaging in extensive fact discovery and deposition preparations, and moving for class certification. Moreover, as a result of the filing of the complaint, the SEC subsequently commenced an investigation into HD Supply's then-CEO's alleged insider trading. Ultimately, the parties participated in settlement negotiations through which Plaintiffs obtained a \$50 million cash settlement on behalf of the Class - one of the largest securities class action settlements ever achieved in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

### ■ *Milbeck v. TrueCar, et al.*

Saxena White served as Lead Counsel in a class action against TrueCar, Inc. that alleged that the Company and its senior executives misled investors about TrueCar's relationship with its most significant business partner, United States Automobile Association (USAA). TrueCar's SEC filings disclosed that USAA's marketing of TrueCar's services on USAA's website alone generated approximately one third of TrueCar's annual revenue and warned that if USAA made even a minor change to its marketing of TrueCar on USAA's website, TrueCar's business could be harmed. The complaint alleged that, prior to the start of the Class Period, USAA informed TrueCar that it intended to substantially modify its website, including by reducing the prominence of its marketing of TrueCar's services. Thus, Defendants knew that the risk TrueCar had warned investors about had, in fact, materialized, but failed to disclose this material information. The complaint also alleged that TrueCar's CFO and other insiders engaged in insider trading while in possession of material non-public information regarding the impending USAA website changes. When the truth that TrueCar's earnings were severely negatively impacted as a result of USAA's website redesign was finally revealed, the Company's stock price declined significantly, causing investors substantial losses.

Saxena White engaged in extensive litigation efforts on an exceptionally expedited case schedule, including defeating Defendants' motion to dismiss, reviewing over 200,000 documents produced by Defendants and obtaining class certification. Thereafter, the parties participated in negotiations through which Plaintiff ultimately obtained a \$28.25 million cash settlement on behalf of the Class.

■ ***John Cumming v. Wesley R. Edens, et al. (New Senior Investment Group)***

Described as a "landmark" settlement by *Law360*, in 2019 the Delaware Court of Chancery approved a \$53 million settlement in a shareholder derivative action against real estate investment trust New Senior Investment Group. The suit targeted New Senior's \$640 million acquisition of a portfolio of senior living properties owned by an affiliate of its investment manager, which, according to Plaintiff's experts, damaged New Senior by over \$100 million. The settlement is the largest derivative action settlement as a percentage of market capitalization to date in Delaware and is one of the top ten derivative action settlements in the history of the Court of Chancery.

The Plaintiff's extensive discovery efforts in the case included the review of more than 800,000 pages of documents, 16 depositions, and the filing of six motions to compel. Following fact discovery, the parties exchanged ten expert reports related to the damages from the real estate portfolio purchase and from a related secondary stock offering. After a mediation and extensive follow-up negotiations, the parties agreed to settle the litigation in exchange for the payment of \$53 million in cash to New Senior. The settlement also included valuable corporate governance reforms, including the board's agreement to approve and submit to New Senior's stockholders for adoption at the annual meeting amendments to New Senior's bylaws and certificate of incorporation which would (a) provide that directors be elected by a majority of the votes cast in any uncontested election of directors, and (b) eliminate New Senior's staggered board, so that all directors are elected on an annual basis.

In his remarks at the final settlement hearing, Vice-Chancellor Joseph R. Slights called the settlement "impressive" and further described counsel's efforts as "hard fought, but fought in the right way to reach a productive result."

■ ***In re Rayonier Inc. Securities Litigation***

Saxena White served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action against Rayonier that accused the Company and its senior executives of misleading investors about its timber inventory and harvesting rates in the Pacific Northwest. When the Company's new management ultimately disclosed that Rayonier had overharvested its premium Pacific Northwest timberlands by over 40% each year for over a decade and overstated its merchantable timber by 20% in this critical region, the Company's stock price declined significantly, causing investors substantial losses.

After litigating this case for nearly three years and defeating Defendants' motion to dismiss, Plaintiffs ultimately negotiated a \$73 million cash settlement on behalf of the Class, the second largest recovery from a securities class action achieved in the Middle District of Florida. The \$73 million settlement is nearly nine times the national median settlement and nearly ten times greater than the median recovery in the Eleventh Circuit. As noted by Judge Timothy J. Corrigan, this was an "exceptional result[]" achieved for the benefit of the Settlement Class."

■ ***Westchester Putnam Counties Heavy & Highway Laborers Local 60 Benefit Funds v. Brixmor Property Group, Inc. et al.***

Saxena White filed a case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Brixmor and certain of its senior executives for securities fraud. Following the appointment of Lead Plaintiffs and Saxena White as Lead Counsel, Lead Plaintiffs filed a comprehensive amended complaint alleging that throughout the Class Period, Defendants purposefully falsified Brixmor's income items for over two years in order to portray consistent quarterly same property NOI growth; the Company lacked adequate internal and financial controls; and as a result, Defendants' Class Period statements about Brixmor's business, operations, and prospects were false and misleading.

After extensive litigation efforts and negotiation, Lead Plaintiffs obtained a \$28 million settlement. The settlement is an exceptional recovery for the Class, representing a significant percentage of the Class's maximum estimated aggregate damages that was multiples ahead of the typical recovery in securities class actions. After a fairness hearing to evaluate the merits of the settlement, the Honorable Analisa Torres issued an order granting the final approval of the settlement as fair, adequate, and reasonable.

■ ***In re Jefferies Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation***

Saxena White served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action involving breach of fiduciary duty claims against the board of directors of Jefferies Group, Inc., in connection with that company's merger with Leucadia National Corporation. In 2012, Jefferies entered into a merger agreement with Leucadia, a holding company which owned 28% of Jefferies and whose founders served on Jefferies' board. Leucadia's founders had a longstanding personal and professional relationship with Jefferies CEO, Richard Handler, which included lucrative joint ventures, personal investment advice and support, numerous financing transactions, and off-market stock purchases. As Leucadia's founders neared retirement, Handler recognized an opportunity to merge his company with Leucadia and serve as CEO of the much larger, combined company. Negotiating in secret for months before informing the independent board members, Handler and Leucadia's founders structured a deal that greatly benefitted Leucadia, to the detriment of Jefferies shareholders.

After aggressively litigating this case for almost two years and defeating Defendants' motion to dismiss and motion for summary judgment, Plaintiffs ultimately negotiated a settlement which required Leucadia to pay \$70 million to class members, an outstanding result for former Jefferies shareholders.

■ ***City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Miami Beach v. Aracruz Celulose S.A., et al.***

One of our Firm's areas of expertise is litigating cases against foreign corporations. We obtained a significant victory against a Brazilian corporation, Aracruz Celulose. Accomplishing what no other law firm has ever done, Saxena White successfully served process on all three individual executives under the Inter-American Convention on Letters Rogatory. Our efforts included working closely with a Brazilian law firm to defeat Defendants' challenges to service in both the Brazilian trial and appellate courts.

After defeating three motions to dismiss filed by the foreign Defendants, Saxena White began the massive and highly technical discovery process. Because the vast majority of the documents were in Portuguese, we hired native Brazilian attorneys to analyze and translate the tens of thousands of documents that were produced. These documents were also incredibly complex, dealing with five dozen separate financial derivative instruments. Simply valuing one instrument required approximately 50,000 calculations. We consulted



closely with highly-respected industry and academic experts to gain an unprecedented understanding of the workings of these instruments and how they were valued.

In the end, our hard work paid off. Saxena White successfully negotiated a \$37.5 million settlement against Aracruz and its executives. This represents up to 50% of maximum provable damages – an outstanding result compared to the average national recovery in cases of this magnitude.

### ■ *In re Bank of America Securities, Derivative and ERISA Litigation*

This derivative case arose out of Bank of America's acquisition of Merrill Lynch during the height of the financial crisis in late 2008. After successfully defending the complaint's core allegations against multiple motions to dismiss, Saxena White embarked on an extensive discovery process that included 31 depositions of senior BofA and Merrill executives and their attorneys, the review and analysis of 3 million pages of documents from BofA, Merrill, and multiple third parties, and close consultation with nationally recognized financial and economic experts.

On January 11, 2013, the court approved the settlement, which includes a \$62.5 million cash component and fundamental corporate governance reforms. The cash component alone ranks this settlement among the top ten derivative settlements approved by federal courts. The extensive corporate governance reforms include the creation of a Board-level committee tasked with special oversight of mergers and acquisitions, which is aimed at preventing the alleged deficiencies surrounding the Merrill Lynch acquisition. The corporate governance reforms also include other components, including revisions to committee charters and director education requirements, which caused one noted scholar to observe that BofA is now at the forefront of corporate governance practices.

### ■ *In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation*

After conducting an extensive investigation into Lehman and its executives, Saxena White was the first firm to file a complaint alleging violations of the federal securities laws. Subsequent events, including the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history, interjected unique challenges to prosecuting this case – not the least of which was that because Lehman itself was in bankruptcy, damaged shareholders could not recover damages from it.

Despite these formidable obstacles, we continued to prosecute the case. Our efforts paid off. In the spring of 2012, the court approved a \$90 million partial settlement with Lehman's senior executives and directors, and a \$426 million settlement with several dozen underwriters of its securities. After nearly two more years of hard-fought litigation, we reached a \$99 million settlement with E&Y, Lehman's outside auditor, which was approved in the spring of 2014. The \$99 million settlement ranks among the largest ever obtained from an outside auditor and is an outstanding recovery for damaged shareholders.

### ■ *FindWhat Investor Group v. FindWhat.com*

Saxena White also has significant appellate experience. In this Eleventh Circuit appeal, we won a precedent-setting opinion with the court holding that corporations and their executives who make fraudulent statements that prevent artificial inflation in a company's stock price from dissipating are just as liable under the securities laws as those whose fraudulent statements introduce artificial inflation into the stock price in the first place. The Eleventh Circuit rejected Defendants' position that the mere repetition of lies already transmitted to the market cannot damage investors. "We decline to erect a per se rule," wrote the court,

that “once a market is already misinformed about a particular truth, corporations are free to knowingly and intentionally reinforce material misconceptions by repeating falsehoods with impunity.”

The Eleventh Circuit’s opinion is a significant win for aggrieved investors. It is the first such ruling from any of the Courts of Appeals in the nation, and will help defrauded investors seeking to recover damages due to fraud.

### ■ ***Central Laborers’ Pension Fund v. Sirva***

Saxena White served as Lead Counsel in this case, which was litigated in the Northern District of Illinois. After two and a half years of hard-fought litigation, an extensive investigation which involved conducting nearly 120 witness interviews, and the review of approximately 2.7 million documents produced by Defendants, a two day mediation was conducted at which we were able to reach a global \$53.3 million settlement on behalf of the proposed shareholder class. In addition, Saxena White conducted a comprehensive review of SIRVA’s corporate governance procedures in an effort to ensure that securities fraud and accounting violations were less likely to occur at the Company in the future. This careful and comprehensive review, which was spearheaded in conjunction with retained corporate governance experts, confirmed that SIRVA had made great strides in improving its governance standards over the course of our lawsuit. This was especially true in the area of its internal controls, which was a primary concern. The Company formally recognized, in writing, that the lawsuit was one of the main reasons it reformed its governance standards, which confirmed that Saxena White was the key catalyst compelling SIRVA to recognize the need to change the way it does business.

In addition, Saxena White was able to obtain even more governance improvements by convincing the Board to discard their plurality (also known as “cumulative”) standard for the election of their directors in favor of a modified majority standard (also known as the “Pfizer model”). This important change gives every SIRVA shareholder a greater voice, as well as improving director accountability, by forcing directors who do not receive a majority of the votes to tender their resignation for the Board’s consideration. Furthermore, SIRVA also agreed to strengthen its requirements regarding director attendance at shareholder meetings, which created more director accountability and increased shareholder input. Importantly, judges are unable to order these types of governance changes – it was only the negotiation and litigation pressure that we imposed upon the Company that allowed these changes to be implemented.

### ■ ***In re Sadia S.A. Securities Litigation***

Sadia was a Brazilian company specializing in poultry and frozen goods that exported a majority of its products. The Company engaged in wildly speculative currency hedging while telling investors that its hedges were conservative and used to protect against sudden changes in currency fluctuation. Plaintiffs filed a securities fraud complaint against Sadia and its senior executives and board members alleging violations of the federal securities laws. Because the individual Defendants in this case were also citizens of Brazil, they had to be served pursuant to the Inter-American Convention on Letters Rogatory. We were successful in serving the individuals, once again accomplishing what few other law firms have been able to do.

We prevailed on the motion to dismiss and on the motion for class certification. Discovery was greatly complicated by the fact that the vast majority of the documents were in Portuguese, and the court had no subpoena power to force witnesses to appear for deposition. In spite of this, we hired attorneys fluent in Portuguese to help us with the review, and we were able to depose one of the Company’s executives. After three mediations over the course of eight months, we reached a \$27 million cash settlement with Defendants.

### ■ *In re Cox Radio, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*

Saxena White represented a Florida Police Pension Plan in an action against Cox Radio. The Pension Plan alleged that the initial price offered to public shareholders in the tender offer was unfair and did not properly value the assets of Cox Radio. After considerable discovery and expedited motion practice, we were instrumental in raising the price of the deal by nearly 30%, creating nearly \$18 million in additional value for all public shareholders. We also obtained the issuance of additional meaningful disclosures regarding the valuation process used in the deal.

### ■ *In re Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc. Derivative Litigation*

Saxena White filed a derivative action on behalf of nominal Defendant Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings against certain of the Company's current and former directors, its majority stockholder, Clear Channel Communications, Inc., and other entities with respect to a 2009 agreement between the Company and Clear Channel. The derivative action brought forth claims that Outdoor's directors breached their fiduciary duties by approving a \$1 billion unsecured loan on highly unfavorable terms to Clear Channel. In response to the claims brought forth in the derivative action, the Company's board of directors established a Special Litigation Committee (the "SLC") and empowered it to investigate the matters and claims raised in the action.

After an extensive evaluation and investigation of the derivative claims, the SLC initiated discussions with certain of the Defendants to explore the prospects of settlement. The SLC also initiated discussions with Plaintiffs in order to explore the prospects of settling the derivative action. After several months of working with the SLC, the parties to the derivative action reached an agreement in principle to resolve the action on terms that will provide substantial and meaningful benefits to the Company and its shareholders, including an agreement that would provide a dividend to shareholders in the amount of \$200 million, as well as additional corporate governance reforms. The settlement agreement acknowledges that Plaintiffs' involvement in the settlement negotiations was a factor in achieving the benefits received by Outdoor and its shareholders as a result of the settlement.

## SHAREHOLDERS & DIRECTORS



### MAYA SAXENA

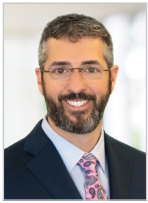
Maya Saxena, co-founder of Saxena White P.A., has been practicing exclusively in the securities litigation field for over 20 years, representing institutional investors in shareholder actions involving breaches of fiduciary duty and violations of the federal securities laws. Prior to forming Saxena White, Ms. Saxena served as the Managing Partner of the Florida office of one of the nation's largest securities litigation firms, successfully directing numerous high profile securities cases. Ms. Saxena gained valuable trial experience before entering private practice while employed as an Assistant Attorney General in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. During her time as an Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Saxena represented the State of Florida in civil cases at the appellate and trial level and prepared amicus curiae briefs in support of state policies at issue in state and federal courts. In addition, Ms. Saxena represented the Florida Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies in civil forfeiture trials.

Ms. Saxena has been instrumental in recovering nearly a billion dollars on behalf of investors. Recently, Ms. Saxena played a key role in obtaining a \$320 million settlement against Wells Fargo & Company. The settlement includes a \$240 million cash payment from Defendants' insurers-representing the largest insurance-funded monetary component of any shareholder derivative settlement by over \$100 million. Ms. Saxena also led the litigation team that settled against Wilmington Trust for \$210 million, one of the largest settlements in 2018. Other prominent settlements include: Rayonier, Inc. (\$73 million settlement), SIRVA, Inc. (\$53.3 million settlement), Aracruz Celulose (\$37.5 million settlement), Brixmor Property Group (\$28 million settlement), and Sunbeam (settled with Arthur Andersen LLP for \$110 million-one of the largest settlements ever with an accounting firm-and a \$15 million personal contribution from former CEO Al Dunlap).

Ms. Saxena is a frequent speaker at educational forums involving public pension funds and advises public and multi-employer pension funds on how to address fraud-related investment losses. She is an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys ("NAPPA") and co-chairs its Securities Litigation Committee. As part of her professional endeavors, Ms. Saxena writes numerous articles on protecting shareholder rights, and works closely with other NAPPA members to author, update, and publish a white paper on post-*Morrison* International Securities Litigation.

Maya Saxena was named a *Law360* 2021 Securities MVP, one of only five attorneys chosen in the area. Ms. Saxena was also named a "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer" by *Lawdragon* in 2020 and 2021. She was recognized in the *South Florida Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" as one of the top lawyers in South Florida, and has been selected to the Florida *Super Lawyers* list for the last twelve consecutive years. Ms. Saxena was also selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® four years in a row, as well as one of Florida's "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* magazine.

Ms. Saxena graduated from Syracuse University *summa cum laude* in 1993 with a dual degree in policy studies and economics, and graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1996. Ms. Saxena is a member of the Florida Bar, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, as well as the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.



### **JOSEPH E. WHITE, III**

Joseph E. White, III, co-founder of Saxena White P.A., has represented shareholders as lead counsel in major securities fraud class actions and derivative actions for nearly 20 years. He has represented lead and representative plaintiffs in front-page cases, including actions against Bank of America, Lehman Brothers and Washington Mutual. He has successfully settled cases yielding over one billion dollars against numerous publicly traded companies, including cases against Rayonier, Inc. (\$73 million), Brixmor Property Group (\$28 million), SIRVA, Inc. (\$53.3 million), and one of the largest settlements in 2018, Wilmington Trust (\$210 million). Mr. White has also developed an expertise in litigating precedent-setting cases against foreign publicly traded companies, and settled two cases involving Brazilian corporations: Sadia, Inc. (\$27 million) and Aracruz Celulose (\$37.5 million).

Mr. White has also helped achieve meaningful corporate governance and monetary recoveries for shareholders in merger related and derivative lawsuits. Recently, Mr. White played an instrumental role in obtaining a \$320 million settlement in *In re Wells Fargo & Company Shareholder Litigation*. The settlement includes a \$240 million cash payment from Defendants' insurers-representing the largest insurance-funded monetary component of any shareholder derivative settlement by over \$100 million. In *In re Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Derivative Litigation*, Mr. White's efforts obtained repayment of a \$200 million loan from Outdoor's parent which was then paid as a special dividend to Outdoor shareholders. Mr. White regularly lectures on topics of interest to pension trustees, and advises municipal, state, and international institutional investors on instituting effective systems to monitor and prosecute securities and related litigation.

Mr. White was named a "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer" by *Lawdragon* in 2020 and 2021. He was named a Florida's "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* magazine, and has been recognized as a "Top Lawyer" by Palm Beach Illustrated. He is also a *Lawyers of Distinction* Certified Member.

Mr. White earned an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Tufts University before obtaining his Juris Doctor from Suffolk University School of Law.

Mr. White is a member of the Massachusetts, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania Bars. He is also admitted to the United States District Courts for the Southern, Northern, and Middle Districts of Florida, the Southern District of New York, the District of Massachusetts, the District of Colorado, the Western District of Michigan, and the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. White is also admitted to the United States Circuit Courts of Appeals for the First and Eleventh Circuits, and the Supreme Court of the United States.



### **STEVEN B. SINGER**

Steven B. Singer is a Director at Saxena White P.A., and oversees the Firm's securities litigation practice. Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Singer was employed for more than 20 years at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, a well-known plaintiffs' firm, where he served as a senior partner and member of the firm's management committee.

During his career Mr. Singer has been the lead partner responsible for prosecuting many of the most significant and high-profile securities cases in the country, which collectively have recovered billions of dollars for investors. He led the litigation against Bank of America relating to its acquisition of Merrill Lynch, which resulted in a landmark settlement shortly before trial (\$2.43 billion), one of the largest recoveries in history. Mr. Singer's work on that case was the subject of extensive media coverage, including numerous articles published in *The New York Times*. He also has substantial trial experience and was one of the lead trial lawyers on the WorldCom Securities Litigation (\$6 billion settlement) after a four-week jury trial.

Recently, Mr. Singer led the litigation team that successfully recovered \$320 million against Wells Fargo & Company. The settlement includes a \$240 million cash payment from Defendants' insurers-representing the largest insurance-funded monetary component of any shareholder derivative settlement by over \$100 million. In addition, Mr. Singer has been lead counsel in numerous other actions that have resulted in substantial settlements, including cases involving Citigroup Inc. (\$730 million, representing the second largest recovery in a case brought on behalf of bond purchasers), Lucent Technologies (\$675 million), Mills Corp. (\$203 million), WellCare Health Plans (\$200 million), Satyam Computer Services (\$150 million), Biovail Corp. (\$138 million), Bank of New York Mellon (\$180 million), JP Morgan Chase (\$150 million), and one of the largest settlements in 2018, Wilmington Trust (\$210 million).

Mr. Singer has been consistently recognized by industry observers for his legal excellence and achievements. He has been selected as one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" by *Lawdragon*, a "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, and as one of the "Leading Lawyers" in securities litigation by the *Legal 500 US Guide* — one of only seven plaintiffs' attorneys so recognized.

Mr. Singer graduated *cum laude* from Duke University in 1988, and from Northwestern University School of Law in 1991. He is a member of the New York State Bar, as well as the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Northern District of Illinois, and the District of Colorado.



#### DAVID KAPLAN

David Kaplan is a Director at Saxena White and manages the Firm's California office. Mr. Kaplan has nearly twenty years of experience in the field of securities and shareholder litigation. He has helped investors achieve hundreds of millions of dollars in recoveries in federal and state courts nationwide, including in class actions, direct "opt out" actions, and shareholder derivative litigation.

Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Kaplan was a partner at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman LLP, where he co-chaired its direct-action practice, represented lead plaintiffs in securities class actions, and counseled institutional investor clients on potential legal claims as a member of the firm's new matters department. Before that, Mr. Kaplan was a senior associate at Irell & Manella LLP, where he handled a variety of high-stakes business disputes and complex litigation matters.

A large part of Mr. Kaplan's day-to-day practice involves advising mutual funds, hedge funds, pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies, and other institutional asset managers on whether to remain passive participants in securities class actions or opt out to protect and maximize their securities fraud recoveries. Mr. Kaplan has represented prominent institutional investor opt out groups in federal courts nationwide.

Mr. Kaplan also has extensive experience advising institutional clients on pursuing securities fraud recoveries in international jurisdictions. His work in this area includes virtually all countries in which shareholder collective actions are authorized by law, including Canada, Australia, England, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, Israel, and Brazil.

Mr. Kaplan has authored multiple articles relating to class actions and the federal securities laws, which have been published in *The National Law Journal*, *The Daily Journal*, *Law360*, *Pensions & Investments*, *The D&O Diary*, and *The NAPPA Report*, among other publications. He is an editor of the *American Bar Association's Class Actions and Derivative Suits Committee's Newsletter*.



Mr. Kaplan was named a “500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer” by *Lawdragon* in 2020 and 2021, and has repeatedly been selected as a “Rising Star” by *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Kaplan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from Washington and Lee University, and earned his Juris Doctor, High Honors, from Duke University School of Law, where he was an editor of *Duke Law Review*. He is admitted to practice in California, United States District Courts for the Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of California, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He is also admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.



#### **LESTER R. HOOKER**

Lester R. Hooker, Director, is involved in all of Saxena White’s practice areas, including securities class action litigation and shareholder derivative actions. During his tenure at Saxena White, Mr. Hooker has obtained substantial monetary recoveries and secured valuable corporate governance reforms on behalf of investors nationwide.

Mr. Hooker played a key role on the litigation teams that have successfully prosecuted securities fraud class and derivative actions, including *In re Wells Fargo & Company Shareholder Litigation* (\$320 million settlement, which includes a \$240 million cash payment from Defendants’ insurers - representing the largest insurance - funded monetary component of any shareholder derivative settlement by over \$100 million), *In re HD Supply Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$50 million settlement-one of the largest securities class action settlements ever achieved in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia), *In re Rayonier Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$73 million settlement), *Westchester Putnam Counties Heavy and Highway Laborers Local 60 Benefit Funds v. Brixmor Property Group, Inc. et al.*, (\$28 million settlement), *Central Laborers’ Pension Fund v. Sirva, Inc.*, (\$53.3 million settlement along with the adoption of important corporate governance reforms), *City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Miami Beach v. Aracruz Celulose S.A., et al.*, (\$37.5 million settlement), *In re Sadia, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$27 million settlement), and *In re Tower Group International, Ltd. Securities Litigation* (\$20.5 million settlement).

Mr. Hooker received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English from the University of California at Berkeley. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law, where he was awarded the Dean’s Outstanding Scholar Scholarship. Mr. Hooker received his master’s degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in International Business from the University of San Diego School of Business, where he was awarded the Ahlers Center International Graduate Studies Scholarship. Mr. Hooker was named a “500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer” by *Lawdragon* in 2020 and 2021. He was also named a “Rising Star” by *Super Lawyers*, an “Up and Comer” by *South Florida Legal Guide’s*, and a “Top Lawyer” by *Palm Beach Illustrated*.

Mr. Hooker is a member of the State Bars of California, Florida, New York, and the District of Columbia, and is admitted to practice law in the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, Southern and Eastern Districts of California, the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, the Western District of Michigan, the District of Colorado, and the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Hooker is also admitted to practice law in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.



### **THOMAS CURRY**

Thomas Curry is a Director at Saxena White and manages the Firm's Delaware office. He represents investors in corporate governance matters, with a particular focus on M&A litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Curry was an associate at Labaton Sucharow LLP, where he represented investors in many of the most significant and highest profile corporate governance matters to arise in recent years. Mr. Curry has particular expertise in representing public investors shortchanged by corporate sales and other M&A activity influenced by insider conflicts of interest. He has successfully represented investors in a wide variety of derivative, class, and appraisal matters challenging conflicted M&A transactions in the Delaware Court of Chancery and other jurisdictions around the United States. Mr. Curry also has significant experience advising United States-based investors seeking to protect their interests in connection with M&A activity subject to the law of foreign jurisdictions.

Mr. Curry successfully represented the lead petitioners in appraisal actions arising from Coach's acquisition of Kate Spade and General Electric's combination of its oil and gas business with Baker Hughes. He was a key member of teams that secured a \$35.5 million derivative recovery in litigation arising from AGNC Investment Corp.'s internalization of its investment manager and corporate reforms valued at approximately \$25 million in litigation arising from a related-party loan extended by Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings to its controlling stockholder, iHeart Communications.

Mr. Curry has been named a "Rising Star" in the field of M&A litigation by *The Legal 500* in both 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Curry began his legal career at the prominent Wilmington defense firm Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP. He earned a Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from Temple University.

Mr. Curry is admitted to practice in Delaware, and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.



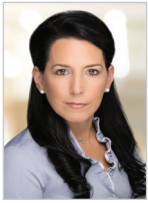
### **KYLA GRANT**

Kyla Grant, Director, has extensive experience in federal securities class action suits, securities enforcement, and complex commercial litigation in both federal and state courts. Before joining Saxena White, Ms. Grant practiced securities litigation at two top-ranked global law firms, Shearman & Sterling LLP and WilmerHale. Ms. Grant has been a member of the litigation teams that have successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of injured shareholders, including the recent \$320 million derivative settlement against Wells Fargo & Company. She was also a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$28 million settlement against Brixmor Property Group, Inc.

Ms. Grant graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with distinction in 2004, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in both English and Political Science. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2008. While attending law school, she was a recipient of the Dean's Scholarship, was appointed as a Dillard Fellow (a role in which she worked with first year students to improve their persuasive writing skills) and was an Articles Editor for the *Virginia Journal of International Law*.

Ms. Grant is a member of the New York State Bar and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.





#### **LISA RIVERA**

Lisa Rivera, Director, serves as the Firm's Chief Financial and Operating Officer and brings over thirty years of experience in both the public and private sectors, having served in key positions with direct responsibility for fiscal management, policy and strategic planning, operations and compliance. Ms. Rivera has represented commercial litigation clients in the area of forensic accounting, as well as having served public accounting clients with their tax and business advisory needs.

Ms. Rivera graduated from New York University's Stern School of Business in 1994, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Accounting. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law in 2003. Ms. Rivera is admitted to practice law in the State of New Jersey. Additionally, she is a Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Global Management Accountant.



#### **MARISA N. DEMATO**

Marisa DeMato, Director, has more than 16 years of experience advising leading pension funds and other institutional investors on issues related to corporate fraud in U.S. securities markets, and provides representation in complex civil actions. Her work focuses on monitoring the well-being of institutional investments and counseling clients on best practices in corporate governance of publicly traded companies.

Prior to joining Saxena White, Ms. DeMato was a partner with a nationally recognized securities litigation firm where she represented institutional investors in shareholder litigation and achieved significant settlements on behalf of clients. She represented Seattle City Employees' Retirement System in a \$90 million derivative settlement that achieved historic corporate governance reforms from Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc., following allegations of workplace harassment incidents at Fox News. Ms. DeMato also successfully represented investors in high-profile cases against LifeLock, Camping World, Rent-A-Center, and Castlight Health. In addition, Ms. DeMato was an integral member of legal teams that secured multimillion dollar securities and consumer fraud settlements, including *In re Managed Care Litigation* (\$135 million recovery); *Cornwell v. Credit Suisse Group* (\$70 million recovery); *Michael v. SFBC International, Inc.* (\$28.5 million recovery); *Ross v. Career Education Corporation* (\$27.5 million recovery); and *Village of Dolton v. Taser International Inc.* (\$20 million recovery).

An accomplished speaker, Ms. DeMato has lectured on topics pertaining to securities fraud litigation, fiduciary responsibility, and corporate governance issues throughout the U.S. and Europe. Notably, Ms. DeMato has testified before the Texas House of Representatives Pensions Committee on the changing legal landscape for public pensions following the Supreme Court's *Morrison* decision and best practices for non-U.S. investment recovery.

Ms. DeMato is one of the industry's leading advocates for institutional investing in women and minority-owned firms. She chairs Saxena White's Women's Alliance, which is designed to foster women-centered development and leadership in the pension, investment and legal communities. Ms. DeMato previously served as co-chair of an annual Women's Initiative Forum, which has been recognized by *Euromoney and Chambers USA* as one of the best gender diversity initiatives.

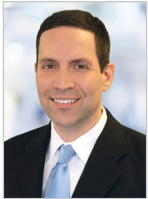
Recently, Ms. DeMato was recognized by *The National Law Journal* as a "Plaintiffs' Trailblazer" and was named a "Northeast Trailblazer" by *The American Lawyer*. Ms. DeMato was also named one of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America" by *Lawdragon* in 2020 and 2021.



Ms. DeMato is an active member of the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP), the American Association for Justice (AAJ), and the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA), where she serves on the NAPPA Securities Litigation Committee. As a member of the SACRS Education Committee, she is responsible for developing and planning educational programming for the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) in California.

Ms. DeMato earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University. Ms. DeMato is a member of the Florida Bar and District of Columbia Bar. She is admitted to the United States District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Florida.

## ATTORNEYS



### MARIO ALVITE

Mario Alvite performs analysis of potential securities and shareholder rights actions. Mr. Alvite's efforts are focused on stages of litigation including case origination and pre-trial discovery. Mr. Alvite is experienced in e-discovery and project management in the corporate litigation, transactional, and regulatory areas. He has served on teams representing investors against Wilmington Trust and Rayonier Inc.

Mr. Alvite received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida International University. He later earned his Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University. He is a member of the Florida Bar, and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida.



### RACHEL A. AVAN

Rachel Avan has more than a decade of experience in securities litigation. She focuses on investigating and developing U.S. and non-U.S. securities fraud class, group, and individual actions, as well as advising institutional investors regarding alternatives for recovery for fraud-related investment losses.

Ms. Avan's analysis of new and potential matters is informed by her extensive experience as a securities litigator. Prior to joining Saxena White, Ms. Avan was of counsel at a nationally recognized securities litigation firm, where she assisted in prosecuting numerous high-profile securities class actions and corporate governance matters. She also served as a key member of the firm's case evaluation team and managed the firm's non-U.S. securities litigation practice for several years.

Ms. Avan has significant expertise analyzing the merits, risks, and benefits of potential claims outside the United States—in virtually all countries in which it is possible for injured shareholders to seek a recovery. She has played an essential role in ensuring that institutional investors receive substantial recoveries through non-U.S. securities litigation.

Ms. Avan brings valuable insight into corporate matters, having served as an associate at a corporate law firm, where she counseled domestic and international public companies regarding compliance with federal and state securities laws. Her analysis of corporate securities filings is also informed by her previous work assisting with the preparation of responses to inquiries by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Ms. Avan has authored multiple articles relating to U.S. and non-U.S. securities litigation, which have been published in *The New York Law Journal*, *Financial Executive*, *Law360*, and *The NAPP Report*, among other publications. For her achievements, Ms. Avan consistently has been selected as a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers*, a Thomson Reuters publication.

Ms. Avan earned her Juris Doctor from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2006. She received her master's degree in English and American Literature from Boston University in 2002 and her bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, in Philosophy and English from Brandeis University in 2000. Ms. Avan is a member of the New York Bar and Connecticut Bar. She is admitted to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.



#### **TAYLER BOLTON**

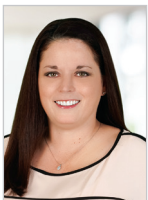
Tayler Bolton has extensive litigation experience with a particular focus on litigation in the courts of Delaware. Ms. Bolton's practice focuses on corporate governance and fiduciary duty litigation. She also has significant experience in corporate bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

Ms. Bolton earned a Bachelor of Music (Voice) and a Bachelor of Arts (Communication) from the University of Oklahoma. She received her Juris Doctor from Emory University School of Law where she served as an editor of the Emory Corporate Governance and Accountability Review, served as the elected Conduct Court Justice of the Student Bar Association, received the Emory Woman of Excellence Award, and was inducted into the Order of Barristers.

Following graduation from law school, Ms. Bolton served as a foreign law clerk to the Honorable Hanan Melcer in the Supreme Court of the State of Israel and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Diane Clarke-Streett in the Superior Court of Delaware.

Ms. Bolton is currently active in the Delaware Barristers Association, the Richard S. Rodney Inn of Court, and the Multicultural Judges and Lawyers Section where she received the Haile L. Alford Excellence Award.

Ms. Bolton is a member of the Delaware, New York, and Texas State Bars, and is admitted to practice law in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.



#### **RHONDA CAVAGNARO**

Rhonda Cavagnaro is Special Counsel to Saxena White and a member of the Firm's Institutional Outreach group. She brings extensive expertise in many areas of employee benefits and pension administration with nearly two decades of public fund experience. Ms. Cavagnaro frequently speaks at industry conferences to further trustee education on fiduciary issues facing institutional investors.

Ms. Cavagnaro began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in New York City, where she was instrumental in creating the office's General Crimes Unit, covering major crimes. As an ADA, Ms. Cavagnaro gained valuable trial experience and prosecuted hundreds of misdemeanor and felony cases.

Ms. Cavagnaro started her career serving public pensions as Assistant General Counsel at the New York City Employees' Retirement System. She then went on to become the first General Counsel to the New York City Police Pension Fund in February 2002, where she worked for over 11 years, providing advice to the Board of Trustees and 140-member staff with respect to benefits administration, fiduciary issues, employment issues, legislation, and transactional matters. Ms. Cavagnaro last served as the Assistant CEO for the Santa Barbara County Employee's Retirement System, where under the general direction of the CEO and Board of Trustees, she oversaw the day to day operations of the System.

Ms. Cavagnaro graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from the University of Rochester, in Rochester, New York, and earned her Juris Doctor from the California Western School of Law in San Diego, California. She is a member of the New York and New Jersey State Bars, and is admitted to the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and is a current member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys.



#### **ALEC T. COQUIN**

Alec T. Coquin is an Attorney at Saxena White P.A. Mr. Coquin focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors.

Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Coquin was an Associate with a nationally recognized securities litigation firm. Mr. Coquin supported the Firm team that helped recover a \$140 million settlement against Barrick Gold Corporation, one of the world's largest gold mining companies, in *In re Barrick Gold Securities Litigation*. Alec was also an integral part of the Firm teams that helped recover \$15.75 million in a securities class action against Prothena Corporation, \$39 million in a securities class action against World Wrestling Entertainment, \$39.5 million in a securities class action against Intuitive Surgical, and \$29.5 million in a securities class action against Advanced Micro Devices.

Mr. Coquin earned his Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law, where he was the Associate Managing Editor of the *St. John's Law Review*, and his Bachelor of Arts from Wesleyan University.

Mr. Coquin is a member of the New York Bar. He is admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, the Northern District of California, the Eastern District of Michigan and the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. He is also admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits.

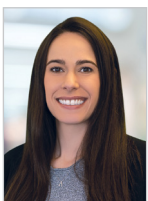


#### **OMAR D. DAVIS**

Omar D. Davis has an extensive background as a retirement plan legal advisor and manager that has provided him with a deep understanding of the issues and challenges facing institutional investors. Mr. Davis has served in various capacities for several large retirement plans. Most recently, Mr. Davis was the Director of Employer Services at the Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS/PEERS), a \$50+ billion pension plan serving retired educators and school employees across the State of Missouri. His public retirement plan background extends to earlier roles at the Missouri Department of Transportation & Missouri State Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS), where he was General Counsel, and the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS), where he served as Investment Legal & Compliance Counsel.

Prior to his retirement system background, Mr. Davis worked for more than a decade in Missouri state government as an agency leader, including as the Director of the Department of Revenue and the Director of the Department of Labor & Industrial Relations. He has been recognized for his leadership and service numerous times throughout his career.

Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Davis offered client organizations a wealth of public sector experience as an executive search consultant, focusing on the public retirement, public agency, asset owner and manager sectors.



#### **SARA DILEO**

Sara DiLeo has extensive experience in federal securities class action lawsuits, derivative litigation, and complex commercial litigation in both federal and state courts. Recently, Ms. DiLeo was a member of the litigation team that successfully recovered a \$320 million

derivative settlement for shareholders of Wells Fargo & Company. She was also part of the litigation teams that obtained a \$28.25 million settlement for shareholders of TrueCar, Inc., and a \$50 million settlement for shareholders of HD Supply Holdings, Inc.-one of the largest securities class action settlements ever achieved in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Before joining Saxena White, Ms. DiLeo practiced securities litigation for nine years at a top-ranked global law firm, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Ms. DiLeo graduated from New York University's College of Arts & Sciences program in 2003, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Political Science and Psychology. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law in 2008. While attending law school, Ms. DiLeo was an Articles Editor for the *Fordham Urban Law Journal* and interned for the Hon. Barbara Jones in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. DiLeo is a member of the New York Bar.



#### **HANI FARAH**

Hani Farah is an Attorney at Saxena White's California office. Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Farah practiced at a leading securities litigation law firm where he analyzed potential new cases, primarily U.S. securities class action and individual opt-outs suits, as well as international securities litigation.

Prior to joining traditional practice, Mr. Farah was the primary legal counsel for a U.S. presidential candidate. In this role, Mr. Farah researched and provided counsel on myriad issues relevant during the 2016 campaign.

Mr. Farah graduated *cum laude* from the University of California San Diego in 2011. He later graduated *cum laude* from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2015. He is a member of the California Bar, and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Central District of California.



#### **WILLIAM FORGIONE**

Prior to joining Saxena White, William Forgione served as a senior legal executive with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association ("TIAA") and its subsidiaries for over 25 years. While at TIAA, he held a variety of leadership positions, including as Executive Vice President and General Counsel with TIAA Global Asset Management and Nuveen, a leading financial services group of companies that provides investment advice and portfolio management through TIAA and numerous investment advisors. He oversaw the legal, compliance, and corporate governance aspects associated with the organization's \$900 billion investment portfolios and asset management businesses, including TIAA's general account, various separate accounts, registered and unregistered funds and institutional investment mandates.

Under Mr. Forgione's leadership, TIAA was actively involved in a number of significant investment litigation matters in order to recover the maximum amount for the benefit of its investment portfolios and the beneficial owners. These included acting as lead plaintiff in class action lawsuits, initiating proxy contests, pursuing direct actions where appropriate and asserting appraisal rights when it felt the consideration to be paid to shareholders in connection with various merger and acquisition activity involving portfolio companies was inadequate.



Mr. Forgione also served as Deputy General Counsel to TIAA, where among his many responsibilities, he acted as a strategic partner and advisor to the heads of TIAA's pension and insurance business lines. He also served as a member of TIAA's Senior Leadership Team, actively participating on a number of management committees. In addition, Mr. Forgione has valuable corporate governance experience, having advised and served on a number of Boards, including Nuveen, the Westchester Group, several foreign operating subsidiaries of TIAA, as well as various Risk Management, Investment, Asset-Liability and Audit Committees. He also has served as lead counsel on several large business acquisitions.

After graduating *summa cum laude* from Binghamton University with a B.S. in Accounting, Mr. Forgione received his J.D. degree from Boston University. Among many industry associations, he has served as President and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Life Insurance Counsel, President and Trustee of the American College of Investment Counsel and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Life Insurance Council of New York. Mr. Forgione has spoken at many industry conferences and seminars, taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Accounting and Law and has won such awards as *Charlotte Business Journal's* Corporate Counsel Award for his success in corporate law.

Prior to joining TIAA, Mr. Forgione was associated with Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, and Csaplar & Bok, where he practiced in the areas of mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance. He is a member of the New York State Bar.



#### **DONALD GRUNEWALD**

Donald Grunewald focuses on performing research for securities and derivatives litigation. He has served on the litigation teams that successfully prosecuted securities fraud class actions and shareholder derivative actions, including *Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia, et al. v. DaVita Inc., et al.* (\$135 million settlement, the second largest all-cash securities class action settlement in D. Colo. history), *Plymouth County Ret. Sys. v. GTT Communications, Inc.* (\$25 million settlement), and *Milbeck v. TrueCar, Inc., et al.* (\$28.25 million settlement). Before joining Saxena White, Mr. Grunewald taught Legal Research and other legal courses at a college in New York for six years. He has prepared economic and legal research for litigation, businesses, and academics.

Mr. Grunewald earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics, *magna cum laude*, from Haverford College in 2004. He later earned a Bachelor of Arts in Jurisprudence from Oxford University and a Master of Laws from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Mr. Grunewald has been a member of the New York State Bar since 2008.



#### **SCOTT GUARCELLO**

Scott Guarcello's practice focuses on the discovery stage of litigation. With over ten years of significant complex e-discovery experience, he brings to Saxena White an expertise honed by the numerous e-discovery services and training programs that he created, led and supported while serving as a Senior Managing Attorney for a global e-discovery consulting and services provider.

Combining both discovery and technical expertise, Mr. Guarcello advises on best practices concerning information governance principles, ESI protocols, collections, processing, large-scale document reviews, production management, and related infrastructure applications. Recently, Mr. Guarcello was a member of the litigation team that successfully obtained a \$320 million derivative settlement against Wells Fargo &

Company. He was also part of the litigation teams that recovered a \$28.25 million settlement against TrueCar, Inc., and secured a \$50 million settlement against HD Supply Holdings, Inc.-one of the largest securities class action settlements ever achieved in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Mr. Guarcello earned a Bachelor of Science from Stetson University and received a Juris Doctor from Florida International University where he graduated *cum laude* with a concentration in securities law. He was a regular recipient of the Dean's List Award and received the CALI Book Awards for the Complex Litigation and Corporate Tax courses. Mr. Guarcello has also received the Legal Elite Award for 2017 and 2018 and holds extensive industry certifications that span review tools, feature-specific technical applications, project management and analytics. As an active member in the e-discovery community, Mr. Guarcello has been a guest speaker for both intimate and large audiences.

Mr. Guarcello is a member of the Florida Bar.



#### **SCOTT KOREN**

Scott Koren is an Attorney at Saxena White. Mr. Koren concentrates on new case development by performing research on potential securities class actions and new derivative and corporate governance actions. Mr. Koren's efforts are focused on beginning stages of litigation including case origination and pre-trial discovery. Additionally, Mr. Koren has served on teams representing investors against HD Supply Holdings Inc. and DaVita, Inc.

Mr. Koren received his undergraduate degree in Business Management and Entrepreneurship from the University of Arizona and received his Juris Doctor degree from Pace University School of Law.

Mr. Koren is a member of the New York Bar.



#### **JONATHAN D. LAMET**

Jonathan Lamet has extensive experience in litigating direct securities actions and derivative actions involving publicly traded companies.

Before joining Saxena White, Mr. Lamet practiced commercial and civil litigation, including directors and officers liability, securities and fraud litigation, bankruptcy adversary proceedings, and class action defense for seven years at an Am-Law 100 firm, Akerman LLP.

Mr. Lamet graduated from Yeshiva University, Sy Syms School of Business in 2010, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Business Management. He received his Juris Doctor degree from University of Miami School of Law in 2013. Mr. Lamet was a member of the University of Miami Law Review. While attending law school, Mr. Lamet interned for the United States Attorney's Office, Economic Crimes Division, for the Southern District of Florida, and for the Hon. William Turnoff in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Mr. Lamet is a member of the Florida Bar, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.





### **CRAIG C. MAIDER**

Craig C. Maider is an Attorney at Saxena White P.A. Mr. Maider focuses his practice on litigating large scale class actions in federal court on behalf of institutional investors.

Mr. Maider has represented investors in commodity futures manipulation cases, including as lead counsel in a certified class action against Kraft Foods Group and Mondelez Global for manipulation of the wheat futures market (*Ploss v. Kraft Foods Group, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 15-cv-2937 (N.D. Ill.) (Kness, J.)) and against Lansing Trade Group, LLC in a separate manipulation of the wheat futures market. *Budicak Inc. et al. v. Lansing Trade Group, LLC et al.*, Case No. 19-cv-2449 (D. Kan.) (Robinson, J.). Mr. Maider has also represented a putative end-user class of indirect purchasers alleging that the nation's largest chemical manufacturers conspired to inflate the price of caustic soda, a chemical commodity used in myriad industrial processes (*In re Caustic Soda Antitrust Litigation*, Lead Case Docket No. 1:19-CV-00385 (W.D.N.Y.) (Wolford, J.)).

Mr. Maider received his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2016, where he graduated with honors. While at Cardozo, he also participated in the Securities Arbitration Clinic, recovering damages on behalf of investors. He received a B.S. in Finance from Rutgers University, with honors, in 2011 and previously held Series 7 and 63 licenses.

Mr. Maider is a member of the New Jersey Bar and the New York Bar. He is admitted to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.



### **JILL MILLER**

Jill Miller focuses her practice on e-discovery, including project management and litigation support services for class actions and other complex litigation. Ms. Miller was a member of the team that secured one of the largest settlements in 2018, *In re Wilmington Trust Corporation Securities Litigation* (\$210 million). Prior to joining Saxena White, Ms. Miller served as team lead at various law firms for discovery in large, complex class actions and mass torts in the areas of securities fraud, software technology, pharmaceutical and patent infringement.

Prior to her litigation experience, Ms. Miller was an associate at Ruden McClosky where she practiced real estate law. During her 11 years with the firm, she represented large developers of residential and commercial real estate throughout the South Florida area. Ms. Miller began her legal career as an associate in the real estate practice division of a major New Jersey law firm where she concentrated her practice on residential and commercial real estate transactions and development. She also dedicated a significant portion of her practice to casino licensing and compliance.

For the past several years, Ms. Miller has volunteered her time as a Guardian ad Litem, protecting the rights of abused and neglected children in Broward County, Florida.

Ms. Miller received her law degree from Hofstra University in New York where she was the Articles Editor of the *International Property Investment Journal*. She also interned at the United States Federal Court, Eastern District of New York during her third year of law school.

Ms. Miller is admitted to practice in Florida, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.



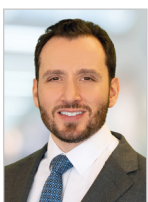
### **DIANNE PITRE**

Dianne Pitre prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of injured shareholders. Ms. Pitre has served on the litigation teams that successfully prosecuted securities fraud class actions and shareholder derivative actions, including *In re Wells Fargo & Company Shareholder Litigation* (\$320 million settlement), *Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia, et al. v. DaVita Inc., et al.* (\$135 million settlement, the second largest all-cash securities class action settlement in D. Colo. history), *In re Rayonier Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$73 million settlement), *Milbeck v. TrueCar, Inc., et al.* (\$28.25 million settlement), and *Plymouth County Ret. Sys. v. GTT Communications, Inc.* (\$25 million settlement).

Before joining Saxena White, Ms. Pitre was a legal intern for Jack in the Box, Inc. and Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. She worked extensively with their in-house departments, assisting in a variety of corporate, employment, and government regulation matters. Ms. Pitre was an intern for Jewish Family Service of San Diego and Housing Opportunities Collaborative, two San Diego pro bono legal organizations. Additionally, she served as a Legal Intern for the San Diego City Attorney's Office with their Advisory Division, Public Works Section.

Ms. Pitre graduated from the University of California, San Diego in 2008, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Law and Society. In 2012, she received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. While attending law school, Ms. Pitre earned various scholarships and awards, including the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Scholarship and Frank E. and Dimitra F. Rogozienski Scholarship for outstanding academic performance in business law courses. Her outstanding law school academic achievements culminated in two CALI Excellence for the Future Awards for receiving the top grade in her Fall 2011 International Sports Law and Entertainment Law classes. Ms. Pitre is an alumna of Phi Delta Phi, the international legal honor society and oldest legal organization in continuous existence in the United States. Ms. Pitre has recently been recognized as a *Super Lawyer* "Rising Star" for the last three years in a row.

Ms. Pitre is a member of the Florida and California State Bars. She is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Florida and the Northern, Central, Southern, and Eastern Districts of California.



### **JOSHUA SALTZMAN**

Joshua Saltzman focuses his practice on securities and derivative litigation. Before joining Saxena White, Mr. Saltzman litigated investor class actions, opt-out securities actions and derivative actions at two boutique law firms in New York City. Recently, Mr. Saltzman was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$53 million derivative settlement on behalf of New Senior Investment Group, which was the largest settlement of all time in a derivative lawsuit when measured as a percentage of the company's total market capitalization. He was also a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$50 million settlement on behalf of HD Supply Holdings, Inc. – one of the largest securities class action settlements ever achieved in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Additionally, Mr. Saltzman has been a member of litigation teams that have obtained numerous other substantial recoveries on behalf of investors, including cases involving American International Group (\$40 million settlement on behalf of AIG employees who invested in AIG's company stock fund, representing one of the largest ERISA stock drop recoveries of all time), Cornerstone Therapeutics (\$17.9 million for

minority stockholders of Cornerstone Therapeutics whose shares were purchased in a controller buyout), and Petrobras (high percentage recovery on behalf of state pension system in opt-out securities action).

Mr. Saltzman received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Rutgers University in 2002, and a Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School in 2011, graduating *magna cum laude*. During law school, Mr. Saltzman served as an editor on the *Brooklyn Law Review*, where he published a note, and interned for the Honorable Victor Marrero in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Saltzman is a member of the New York Bar, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.



**DAVID L. WALES**

David L. Wales is Senior Counsel at Saxena White P.A., focusing on corporate governance litigation. Mr. Wales is an experienced securities litigator and trial attorney, and a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Wales was a partner for 12 years at a nationally recognized securities litigation firm, where he served as one of the leaders of the corporate governance litigation practice.

During his career, Mr. Wales has led numerous significant corporate governance actions including the derivative action against the board of directors of Pfizer Inc., arising out of the off-label marketing of pharmaceuticals, resulting in a \$75 million recovery and the first case requiring the establishment of a board-level regulatory compliance committee. Mr. Wales has been a leader in the fight against corporate abuse in the sale of opioids including a derivative action on behalf of McKesson Corporation achieving a \$175 million recovery and substantial corporate governance reforms, and successfully tried a books and records action against Walmart Inc. He was a leader in the action against the board and senior management of Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc., arising out of workplace harassment, obtaining a \$90 million recovery and ground-breaking corporate governance reforms. Mr. Wales has successfully litigated numerous actions arising out of mergers and acquisitions, as well as conflicted transactions, including *In re New Senior Investment Group, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, a \$53 million recovery arising out of a conflicted transaction and *In re Jefferies Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, a \$70 million settlement on behalf of shareholders in the sale of the company.

Mr. Wales has extensive experience successfully prosecuting class actions under the federal securities laws, including *In Re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation*, achieving a \$1.06 billion settlement weeks before trial; *Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi v. Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc.*, obtaining a \$315 million settlement after arguing the first successful class certification motion in an RMBS action; and *In re Sepracor Corp. Securities Litigation*, a \$52.5 million recovery in a certified securities fraud class action.

Mr. Wales has been consistently recognized for his legal excellence. He is AV rated, the highest rating from *Martindale-Hubbell*<sup>®</sup>. He has also been named a top practitioner by Legal 500, a "New York Super Lawyer" in securities litigation by Thomson Reuters, and as one of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" by *Lawdragon*. Mr. Wales is a frequent speaker on corporate governance including ESG and securities fraud matters.

Mr. Wales graduated *magna cum laude* from the State University of New York at Albany and *cum laude* from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Mr. Wales is a member of the New York Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. He is admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York, the District of Columbia, the Eastern District of Michigan, and the Northern District of Illinois and the Trial Bar. He is also admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Third and Fourth Circuits.



#### **ADAM WARDEN**

Adam Warden is involved in all of Saxena White's practice areas, including shareholder derivative actions, securities fraud litigation, and merger and acquisition litigation. During his tenure at Saxena White, Mr. Warden has been a member of the teams securing significant recoveries, including *Cumming v. Edens* (derivative settlement of \$53 million for claims challenging acquisition by senior living operator New Senior Investment Group, Inc., representing more than 10% of the company's market capitalization), *In re Wells Fargo & Company Shareholder Litigation* (derivative settlement valued at \$320 million, including \$240 million in cash and corporate governance reforms), *In re Jefferies Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation* (class action settlement of \$70 million, one of the largest settlements in the history of the Delaware Court of Chancery), and *In re Parametric Sound Corporation Shareholders' Litigation* (\$9.65 million settlement, the second largest post-merger class action settlement in Nevada state history).

Mr. Warden has been recognized as a *Super Lawyer* "Rising Star" in 2018, a *South Florida Legal Guide's* "Up and Comer" from 2018-2020, and a *Palm Beach Illustrated* "Top Lawyer" in 2020. Mr. Warden is also a member of Saxena White's Diversity and Social Responsibility Committee.

Mr. Warden earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University in 2001 with a double major in Political Science and Psychology. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law in 2004. During law school, Mr. Warden served as the Articles Editor of the *University of Miami International and Comparative Law Review*.

Mr. Warden is a member of the Florida Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. He is admitted to the United States District Courts for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida.



#### **WOLFRAM T. WORMS**

Wolfram T. Worms is an Attorney in Saxena White's California office. Mr. Worms has twenty years of experience in securities litigation and has assisted shareholders in recovering over a billion dollars.

Mr. Worms began his career practicing law at Gibson Dunn and Crutcher LLP, a national defense firm, and Bernstein Litowitz Berger and Grossmann LLP, a plaintiffs securities litigation firm. Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Worms owned and operated a private investigation business specializing in securities fraud and related forms of corporate misconduct. In this capacity, Mr. Worms was engaged by court-appointed lead counsel, or prospective lead counsel, on hundreds of securities fraud cases. Representative examples of Mr. Worms' successful engagements as a private investigator include the securities class actions against Regions Financial Corporation (\$90 million settlement), Hospira, Inc. (\$60 million settlement), Sirva, Inc. (\$53 million settlement), and Baxter International (\$42.5 million settlement). Mr. Worms has also coordinated with the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice on major securities fraud investigations and advised the U.S. Senate Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission regarding the role of rating agencies in the mortgage crisis.



At Saxena White, Mr. Worms is a member of the Firm's case starting group, where he leverages his extensive experience in the field of securities litigation in identifying, investigating, and advising the Firm's institutional clients on potential new matters.

Mr. Worms received his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History from Western Oregon University. He earned his Juris Doctor from the UCLA School of Law.

Mr. Worms is a member of the California Bar.

## PROFESSIONALS



### **SHERRIL CHEEVERS**

*Client Services Specialist*

Ms. Cheevers is a Client Services Specialist at Saxena White. She is responsible for client outreach and business development among institutional investors. Ms. Cheevers attends industry conferences and organizes events and opportunities to give back to the community.

Prior to joining Saxena White, Ms. Cheevers worked as a sales and community liaison in multiple markets. Ms. Cheevers earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of Tampa.



### **MICHAEL A. D'ALONZO**

*Client Services Specialist*

Michael A. D'Alonzo is a Client Services Specialist at Saxena White. Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. D'Alonzo served over 21 years with the FBI, most recently as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Miami Office. In this role, he was responsible for the oversight of the Miami Divisions Resident Agencies and Miami's Special Operations Groups. As head of the Resident Agencies, he was responsible for both the counterterrorism and criminal investigations in the Fort Pierce, West Palm Beach, Homestead and Key West Resident Agencies.

During his service with the FBI, Mr. D'Alonzo served as a Supervisory Special Agent for over 9 years. While in the FBI Newark Division in New Jersey, he was responsible for Newark's Special Operations Group which provided support to covert and undercover operations, and Newark's Humint Squad, responsible for identifying and addressing FBI intelligence gaps. In the Newark Division, he developed educational platforms for state and local law enforcement entities regarding the Newark Division Intelligence Program, while maintaining effective liaison with New Jersey colleges and universities, increasing domain awareness, and increasing intelligence production efforts.

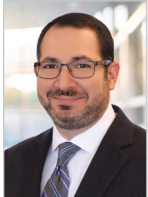
Prior to his service with the FBI Newark Division, Mr. D'Alonzo served in the FBI New York Office as both a criminal and counterterrorism Supervisory Special Agent. In his criminal role, he was responsible for New York's Civil Rights and Crimes Against Children programs. This role involved oversight of investigations related to human trafficking as well as overseeing kidnapping investigations.

As a counterterrorism Supervisory Special Agent, Mr. D'Alonzo was responsible for a Joint Terrorism Task Force. He was responsible for ensuring the coordination between other field offices, legal attaché offices, local law enforcement, state police, the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Defense. Mr. D'Alonzo was also engaged with international terrorism cases that were worked hand in hand with foreign law enforcement organizations such as the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, New Scotland Yard and British Security Services. He had oversight over high profile investigations including Operation High Rise, Operation Silent Digit, Aafia Siddiqui, and Syed Hashmi, all of whom were found guilty of terrorism related charges.

Mr. D'Alonzo was elevated to Supervisory Special Agent at FBI Headquarters in the Counterterrorism Division's International Terrorism Operations Section I. In this role, he served as a program manager for numerous FBI field offices and was responsible for the coordination and support for FBI forward operations



in the field. As a Special Agent assigned to the FBI New York Office, Mr. D'Alonzo was part of the FBI's Special Operations Group and the Criminal Division, working South American, Columbian drugs. Prior to his FBI employment, Mr. D'Alonzo served as a Police Officer in the State of New Jersey for 9 years following his graduation from Villanova University, PA.



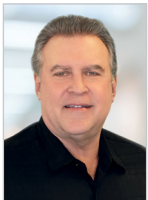
**MARC GROBLER**

*Manager of Case Analysis*

Marc Grobler plays a key role in new case development including performing in-depth investigations into potential securities fraud class actions, derivative, and other corporate governance related actions. By using an array of financial and legal industry research tools, Mr. Grobler analyzes information that helps support the theories behind our litigation efforts. He is also responsible for protecting the financial interests of our clients by managing the Firm's portfolio monitoring services and performing complex loss and damage calculations.

Prior to joining the Firm, he served as the Senior Business Analyst in the New York office of a leading securities class action law firm and has worked within the securities litigation industry for over 15 years.

Mr. Grobler graduated *cum laude* from Tulane University's A.B. Freeman School of Business in 1997, with a concentration in Accounting. With over 20 years of overall professional financial experience, he started his career in New York at PricewaterhouseCoopers performing audits within the Financial Services Group—audit clients included Prudential Financial and Wasserstein Perella. Prior to entering the securities litigation industry, he worked within the asset management group at Goldman Sachs where he was responsible for the financial reporting of a group of billion dollar fund-of-fund investments. Mr. Grobler also previously worked at UBS Warburg as a Financial Analyst in the investment banking division that focused on financial institutions such as banks, asset managers, insurance and start-up financial technology companies.



**CHUCK JERLOMAN**

*Senior Client Services Specialist*

Chuck Jeroloman, Senior Client Services Specialist, has been with the Firm since 2010. Mr. Jeroloman focuses on public pension clients to provide relevant educational materials, and personalized communication and service. Mr. Jeroloman is a frequent participant and speaker at state and national investor conferences, including the Georgia Public Pension Trustee Association, the Florida Public Pension Trustee Association, the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, and many more. He currently serves on the Florida Public Pension Trustees Association's Advisory Board.

Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Jeroloman worked in law enforcement for 28 years. He was at the Delray Beach Police Department for 23 years, and served as a homicide/robbery detective, street level narcotics investigator, field training officer, and a member of the S.W.A.T. and Terrorists Task Force. He was a Delray Beach Police and Fire Pension Board Trustee for 14 years, five of which he served as Chairman, and was also a member of the Delray Beach Fire and Police VEBA Board. Mr. Jeroloman also spent five years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Rockland County Sheriff's Department in New York. During that time, he was a member of the Joint Terrorists Task Force with the FBI, NYPD, Rockland County Sheriff's Department. During his tenure in law enforcement, Mr. Jeroloman served for 23 years as Union Representative for the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) as Union Treasurer for PBA in N.Y from 1982-87,

then for Delray Beach FOP 1988-94, and last with Delray Beach PBA from 1994-2006 with 2001-2006 as President.

Mr. Jeroloman earned his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Pasco-Hernando Community College. After college, Mr. Jeroloman was very active in the baseball community. He was an associate scout with the Anaheim Angels and Texas Rangers, and volunteered as a youth baseball coach through high school levels. Mr. Jeroloman also served as a director vice president for the Okeeheelee Athletic Association, and was Founding Chairman to Wellington High Baseball Booster Association and Palm Beach Central Baseball Booster Association.



**SAM JONES**  
*Financial Analyst*

Sam Jones is a Financial Analyst with Saxena White's California office. Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Jones worked for over ten years as a financial analyst at a leading securities litigation law firm where he specialized in developing techniques for data modeling and visualization. He worked on numerous landmark securities cases including *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation* (\$2.425 billion recovery); *In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation* (\$735 million recovery); *In re Wachovia Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$627 million recovery); and *Merrill Lynch Mortgage Pass-Through Litigation* (\$315 million recovery).

In the fallout of the housing and credit crisis, Sam pioneered techniques in data management and analysis for the firm's then-developing RMBS and structured finance practice. He has worked on numerous individual and class action RMBS cases against most of the major Wall Street banks.

Sam graduated from Vassar College, where he studied anthropology with a focus on economics. After graduation he worked extensively as a field archaeologist throughout the U.S. and in Israel before transitioning to a career in securities litigation and financial analysis.



**STEFANIE LEVERETTE**  
*Manager of Client Services*

Stefanie Leverette is Saxena White's Manager of Client Services. In this role, she manages the Firm's client outreach and developmental programs and oversees the Firm's portfolio monitoring program. Since joining Saxena White in 2008, Ms. Leverette has coordinated the Firm's presence at industry conferences attended by representatives of various institutional clients throughout the United States. In addition, Ms. Leverette is responsible for the timely dissemination of all reports, notifications and all new cases and class action settlements that may have an impact to an investment portfolio. Ms. Leverette's main role is acting as the liaison between institutional clients and the Firm.

Ms. Leverette is a member of the Firm's Diversity and Social Responsibility Committee and a member of the Women's Initiative Subcommittee. She is also a member of the Firm's Case Starting Team, providing institutional clients with important information regarding potential litigation.

Ms. Leverette earned her undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a focus on Management from the University of Central Florida, and her Master's in Business Administration with a focus on International Business at Florida Atlantic University.





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*Chief of Investigations*

With over two decades of law enforcement experience, including 12 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Jerome Pontrelli serves as Saxena White's Chief of Investigations. He oversees all of the Firm's efforts to detect, investigate, and prosecute securities cases. Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Pontrelli was Director of Investigations at Labaton Sucharow LLP, where his cases resulted in monetary relief for harmed investors in excess of \$4 billion. He was also part of the firm's initial SEC Whistleblower Program.

Over the years, in the FBI and in private practice, Mr. Pontrelli has led over one hundred investigations of possible securities violations. Throughout his award-winning career, he has developed extensive experience in securities-related matters. Mr. Pontrelli began his career with the FBI in Covert Special Operations, and was later assigned to the FBI/NYPD Joint Bank Robbery Task Force. Following the September 11th attacks, Mr. Pontrelli was assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force. He later transferred to the White Collar Crime Heath Care Fraud Unit. Mr. Pontrelli has an extensive network of high-level relationships throughout the state and federal law enforcement communities.

Mr. Pontrelli received a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Thomas Aquinas College and a Master of Arts degree from Seton Hall University. He graduated from the FBI Academy in 1996.



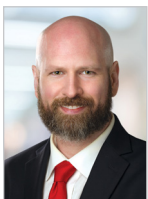
**SAM WANKEL**

*Senior Data Analyst*

Sam Wankel, Senior Data Analyst, has over 25 years of experience providing research relating to business valuation and complex securities litigation. Specifically, Mr. Wankel has expertise in calculating damage estimates to preparation of settlement allocations to class members. Prior to joining Saxena White, Mr. Wankel worked at a leading securities class action law firm as well as a private economic consulting firm specializing in business valuation and complex shareholder disputes.

In his early career, Mr. Wankel researched and prepared statistical information presented to the United States Congress and the Senate Banking and Finance Committee regarding public offerings, stock trading, securities class actions and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act.

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Over the years, Mr. Wroblewski has provided expert commentary to The Washington Post, Investor's Business Daily, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and other news outlets. Mr. Wroblewski has provided consulting to database providers, eDiscovery vendors, corporate boards, and government entities throughout the world. He has extensive pro bono experience assisting political asylum seekers and targets of honor killings, working alongside the FBI and Department of State. Mr. Wroblewski is an active member of the FBI's InfraGard Program. He has an extensive network of high-level relationships within the global intelligence community.

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Ms. Bryan has been working in the area of e-discovery since 2007. She supervised teams of attorneys conducting large scale document reviews at a consulting group specializing in providing litigation support services to national and international companies. Ms. Bryan is a member of the New York Bar.



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